

Transportation of Coal by Railways

112. Shri Surendranath Dwivedy: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fresh review has been made in so far as the transportation of coal by Railways is concerned in the current year; and

(b) what tonnage of coal was carried by the railways during 1961-62 and what is the target fixed for 1962-63 after reviewing the position?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) The transportation of coal by railways is constantly under review.

(b) The tonnage of coal carried by Railways in 1961-62 is not available yet. The target for loading of coal for the year 1962 has been fixed as under:

West Bengal & Bihar Coalfields:

Wagons Per day

(a) Steel	1400
(b) Dugda Washery	300
(c) Jamadoba Washery	150
(d) Other consumers	3646

Outlying Coalfields:

(a) Korea Rewa	530
(b) PENCH & Chanda	419
(c) Singareni	380
(d) Talcher	100

The target for other consumers from West Bengal and Bihar coalfields has been increased by 120 wagons per day from 1-7-1962.

Agricultural Production

113. { **Shri H. P. Chatterjee:**
Dr. Renen Sen:
Shri Dinen Bhattacharya:
Shri Mohammad Tahir:

Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state the steps taken to verify the figures of

increased production claimed by the States under different agricultural schemes from year to year under the development plan?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): The State Governments first furnish estimates of inputs under the different production programmes on the basis of which, using the standard yardsticks, estimates of increased production are framed. Later, they furnish the estimates of agricultural production based on crop cutting experiments. To the extent the increased production is reflected in actual production, the latter serve as a check on the former.

Farakka Barrage

{ **Shri S. M. Banerjee:**
Dr. Renen Sen:
114. Shri Dinen Bhattacharya:
Shri Karjee:

Will the Minister of **Irrigation and Power** be pleased to state:

(a) the further progress that has been made with regard to construction of Farakka Barrage; and

(b) when this work is likely to be completed?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) Tenders have been received for the construction equipment and orders will be placed within the next few months. Special Railway siding for the Project is under construction by the Railway authorities and plans for transport of the enormous quantum of construction materials by rail ropeway, road and river transport are under discussion. Quarry sites have been finalised, after detailed investigations, and plant lay-out is under preparation. Detailed designs of the Locks, the construction of which is contemplated in the next working season, are well under way.

(b) The work is scheduled to be completed by 1969-70.

Improvement of Quality of Sugarcane

115. **Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the steps that have been taken to improve the quality of sugarcane in U.P.;

(b) whether any incentive has been given to the cane-growers; and

(c) if so, in what form?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) The following steps are taken to improve the quality of Sugarcane:—

(i) Continuous research is in progress to select and release new promising varieties with better sucrose content for general cultivation;

(ii) A few promising varieties are always kept on the approved list to be available as a stand by in case the varieties under cultivation show signs of deterioration;

(iii) Development and Extension Schemes are in operation to bring to the doors of cultivators results of research; and

(iv) The deterioration of suitable varieties under field conditions is being controlled through proper cultural practices and control of insect pests.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Under the Sugarcane Development Schemes, subsidies are given for the following items:—

(i) surface wells etc. under minor irrigation projects to the extent of 25 per cent;

(ii) phosphatic fertilizers to the extent of 25 per cent;

(iii) plant protection:

(a) 50% for pesticides, rechemical dusters, sprayers, etc.;

(b) 100% loan for power operated machines and plant protection equipment.

(iv) for completing the balance of the programme for establishing seed farms, assistance upto 50 nP per maund is allowed as under the 2nd Five Year Plan; and

(v) demonstrations of improved methods of cane cultivation are arranged in the cultivators' fields and credit facilities are provided to the cultivators for the purchase of fertilizers, etc.

Weather Chart

116. { **Shri P. K. Deo:**
Shri Narendra Singh Mahida:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether facsimile weather charts are sent from Delhi to foreign countries; and

(b) if so, to which countries?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Drainage in Delhi

117. { **Shri P. K. Deo:**
Shri Narendra Singh Mahida:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the steps that are being taken to provide better drainage facilities for flood water in Delhi;

(b) whether there is any proposal to cut the Ring Road by providing a culvert near Shakur Basti; and

(c) whether any steps are taken to check the overflow of water from the irrigation channels in the Punjab?